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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/626,356
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Examiner: Rebecca L. Anderson
Group Art Unit: 1626
Applicants: Michael Hale et al.
For: ISOXAZOLE COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF ERK

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

Following the July 25, 2006 Final Office Action, applicants filed a Petition to the Director under C.F.R. § 1.181 on August 30, 2006 to withdraw the finality of the Office Action. Applicants also submitted a Reply to the Final Office Action on October 25, 2006, amending the claims. The Petition was denied and the amendments were not entered. Accordingly, amended claims are filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants also submit concurrently herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time up to, and including, January 25, 2007. Accordingly, this amendment and RCE is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin at page 15 of this reply.